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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 552

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 13, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Length of School Year.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Ford

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State&Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill extends the number of student instructional days from 180 days to 196 days by the 2008-2009 school year.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill would increase the number of instruction days from 180 to 185 for the 2005-2006 school year, 190 for the 2006-2007 school year, 195 for the 2007-2008 school year, and 200 for the 2008-2009 school year. The impact on the state will depend on the school formula and whether an adjustment for the additional school instructional time requirement is included.

Background Information: When the school calendar was extended in the 1988-1989 school year, the funding to schools was increased by the dollar value in the school formula. If there was a comparable increase in funding based on the 2005 school formula, there would be expenditures of about \$143.5 M for each five days added. The impact of the 20 additional days would be about \$574.3 M. If the school formula is not modified to reflect the additional time, then there would be no additional expenditures.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The impact on local expenditures would be dependent on the future school funding formula.

Background: Currently, each day of school costs between \$32 M and \$35 M. The local cost of adding five

additional days under the 2005 formula would be about \$160 M to \$175 M. The impact for the 20 additional days by the 2008-2009 school year is between \$640 M and \$700 M. The cost of the professional development day could reduce the cost some. The impact makes the assumption that teacher contracts would be extended and additional pay would be required.

School general fund expenditures for the 2000-2003 school year were about \$5.75 B.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Local Schools.

Information Sources: Department of Education Databases.

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